My name is, Edwin Linale Broadus

My accident happened one month after I turned 19. November 1st, 1982. I was engaged to be married and 4 months into buying my first home. I had a promising opportunity as carpenter and installer. I was quite good at it too. After work that evening, a friend and I were given an opportunity to make a little more money by installing alarms.

Leaving the last job early that morning we were both involved in a fatal accident, my friend died and that was a tragic loss.

I later found out that I was in a coma for approximately 10 days. I suffered a broken neck, spine, teeth, jaw, feet, face neck, back and ankles. You could see my brain! I wore a halo for months, a brace on my face, neck and back. I had to eat pureed food for over a year. God and my mother took care of me. I thank god for Allstate for taking care of me.

It wasn't until late in my life that I was able to make a distinction between helplessness and being helpless. To this date I am grateful to God, my mother, and the No -Fault Law for finally being able to live my dignity after the injury.

Michigan cannot afford the loss of or any changes to the no fault law. To many of us will become homeless, crime would rise, put hospitals out of business, providers, surgeons, doctors, caregivers, therapists, emergency rooms, and most of all many of us would not be around to testify about life. I sure wouldn't be able to, if these proposals and changes were in affect back then or if it goes into effect, no matter how much money they offer and cap, money surely can't bring a life back and money did not bring my life back, prayer did!

Michigan would turn into a ghost town and who would get the cost of care after the Fee Schedule, Caps, and Workman's comp. shavings? There simply would be no need for Michigan regulators, senators or representatives because shift cost would shift right on over to the Medicaid and Medicare State programs and it is already very difficult to get medical treatment in Michigan without you paying additional cost or an emergency! Who wins, not Michigan. Nobody it will become a loose/ loose.

What is truly frightening is that the medical field just began to grow here in Michigan and now the insurance companies want to take what opportunity we strived for away, unless the Insurance company(s) has bought that too. The insurance companies do not live in Michigan!

Sincerely, Edwin Linale Broadus